Inclusion of villages in Schedule V Area

3166. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have approached to notify the villages with predominantly tribal population for inclusion in Schedule V Area;

(b) whether any such request from Government of Andhra Pradesh is pending with Government;

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon; and

(d) what is the status of other States in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. Proposals have been received from the Stete Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, apart from Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The proposal far rationalization of Scheduled Areas in Andhra Pradesh to make the Tribal Sub Plan and the Scheduled Area co terminus, has been examined in this Ministry in consultation with the State Government, Planning Commission and Ministry of Law and Justice

(d) Proposals of the other three States have also been examined. The proposals of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have been referred back to the respective State Governments for further action.

Role of TRIFED

3167. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the role of TRIFED has changed from procurement of minor forest produce to promotional and development activities;

(b) if so, whether TRIFED is expected to meet its establishment cost from profit or from grant; and

(c) if TRIFED is not a profit making organization now, whether Government are committed to support it through grant?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India does not have any budgetary provision to meet the establishment cost of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd (TRIFED). However the Government

has been extending Grants-in-Aid to TRIFED to compensate the losses suffered by it in the past in operations relating to procurement, storage and sale of Minor Forest Produce.

Assistance for Tribal Areas in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh

3168. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation to assist the tribal areas in West Godavari of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have made any effort to sanction special package for this area which will suffer from serious future displacement;

(c) the details of any proposals submitted by Andhra Government for West Godavari district specific assistance;

(d) what has been done with such proposals; and

(e) the steps proposed to fulfil these requirements?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do notarise.

Rehabilitation for Tribals

3169. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have specific rules for relief, rehabilitation of tribals who will be moved out due to irrigation and other river project;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are not protecting tribals by not ensuring that they get land and houses only in Scheduled areas;

(c) what steps will be taken to write to all State Governments to ensure that all displaced tribals will get housing and ternd only in recognized Scheduled areas; and

(d) the steps proposed to enforce such a rule immediately in the interest of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) The National Policy on Relief and Rehabilitation, 2003, notified by the